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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005 and with an extension of time of three months, the present paper is timely filed on or before February 22, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

The Request for Extension of Time is on page 5.

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